

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 14, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

**Absent:** Min Lin

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

RECOGNITION: Mary Lee Geary, Kindergarten Teacher at Goodwin was honored as Mansfield's 2011 Teacher of the Year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD SECRETARY ELECTION: MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Matthews to nominate Mrs. Kelly as Board Secretary. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews to adopt the Mansfield Board of Education Policy updates as recommended by Shipman and Goodwin with a wording edit to the Code of Conduct. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The committee reported they will meet again to explore additional language addressing Board Members who are currently parents in the district. Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa asked for an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss contract negotiations. Dorothy Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that the funding applications have been sent home with students and the committee will meet on November 9, 2010 at 4:00pm to review the applications.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- Windham Public Schools Request: Mr. Baruzzi discussed a letter from Windham Public Schools asking Mansfield to enter into an Inter-district School Choice Cooperative Agreement as required of them by federal and state NCLB regulations. Due to lack of state and or federal funding to support the effort, Mansfield will decline this opportunity.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Nine projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no major changes in enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mrs. Paulhus that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of October 14, 2010 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the September 16, 2010 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the increase in salary, retroactive to the start of the school year as outlined in the current contract between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association for Robert Burrington, Mary Lee Geary, James Hendricks, Kimberly Ruiz, Beth Schwartz.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisa Hart, teacher at Mansfield Middle School effective November 5, 2010.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Patwa would like a report on Study Island.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Matthews to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 9:10. VOTE Unanimous in favor.  
Returned to open session at 9:34pm

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to ratify the Mansfield Education Association Contract, effective 7/1/11 – 6/30/14. VOTE Unanimous in favor.

The Chair expressed the appreciation of all of the Board to the MEA for working together to put the needs of the children and the program first in difficult economic times.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Kelly, 9:36pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk  
Martha Kelley, Secretary, Mansfield Board of Education